

Hoisting Machine Operator's Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2005
1:00 p.m.
Department of Labor & Industrial Relations Office
HIOSH Training Room
830 Punchbowl Street #425
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Members in Attendance: Allan Parker, Roy Akamine, Tom Vendetta, and Mel Miyamoto.

Excused: Kerwin Chong

Guests: Staff Lora Contreras.

Call to order: Quorum was met. The meeting was called to order by Chair Parker at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes of January 18, 2005

Roy Akamine moved, seconded by Mel Miyamoto to approve the minutes as circulated.

Community Concerns: Mr. Kurt Tsukuyama from Hawaiian Electric Company requested consideration regarding the usage of a crane for only lifting personnel. He noted ASME B30.5 standards addressed using a cable to hoist a personnel platform during construction work. However, it does not address when a platform is directly fixed to the crane's boom tip and the hoist is disabled. Hawaiian Electric Company would like clarification regarding the need of a crane operator certification if the unit is being used as a personnel lift. The personnel basket is directly fixed to the end of the boom tip and the winch/hoist is disabled. This would be for construction and maintenance work. All components, accessories and equipment are provided and engineered by the manufacturer of the crane.

The board discussed and agreed that using the crane for lifting only was not covered by HMOAB admin rules and he would need to check further with the Department of Labor to be sure Hawaiian Electric was in compliance with safety rules covering lifting. However, Roy Akamine noted his concern that further research may find lifting rules may direct Hawaiian Electric back to ASME B30. Mr. Tsukuyama will report his findings to the board.

Director's Report: Lora Contreras circulated a copy of the opinion from the Attorney General's office authorizing her part time position at the legislature. The HMOAB amendment for its admin rules is pending approval of the DLIR director.

New Business: Tower Cranes Certification

The board viewed practical testing being conducted on tower cranes. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting.

Unfinished Business: None

Executive Session: None

Correspondence: None

Announcements: Next board meeting Tuesday, March 15, 2005, 1:00 pm.

Adjournment: Chair Parker was excused from the meeting early and Mel Miyamoto adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.